

SENATE No. 1539

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard R. Tisei

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect consumer privacy rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01988 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMER PRIVACY RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 166 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 45. To ensure that consumer privacy rights are preserved for all residents of the
4 Commonwealth, telecommunications providers shall:

5 (a) maintain their customer telephone database internally, and under no circumstances release
6 this information to any private entity or subcontractor; and

7 (b) fully mask a customer's telephone number when providing information on a customer's bill
8 payment history to any credit reporting bureau.

9 Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense and \$5,000
10 for each subsequent offense.